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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, SF (BAARTMAN, E)

SUBJ: FY 76 IV NOMINEE REV. E. BAARTMAN

REF: STATE 237380

1. DATE OF BAARTMAN'S US TRIP WAS 1970 NOT 1973. HE HAD TEN-MONTH STUDY TRIP TO US FOR PRACTICAL YOUTH WORK TRAINING SPONSORED BY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF US, AND WAS INVOLVED ENTIRELY IN YOUTH WORK.

2. HE HAD ONLY MINIMAL CONTACT WITH MINORITY GROUPS WORKING TOWARDS CHANGE, HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN NOW. BAARTMAN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ROLE CHURCH IN US PLAYED FOR CHANGE- ESPECIALLY EFFORTS MARTIN LUTHER KING'S SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. WOULD LIKE MEET WITH NAACP OFFICIALS AND LEADERS, LEGAL AID GROUPS, CHURCH LEADERS WHO HAVE PLAYED SUPPORTIVE OR LEADING ROLE IN EFFECTING CHANGED OR ENFORCED LEGISLATIVE RIGHTS FOR MINORITY GROUPS, AND CONGRESSMAN ANDREW YOUNG OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

3. HE FEELS US HAS MUCH GUIDANCE TO OFFER FOR CHANGE WITHOUT VIOLENCE. HE SEEKS EXPOSURE TO POSSIBLE BACKLASH SITUATIONS AND FEELS USEFUL LESSONS CAN BE LEARNED FROM AMERICAN EXPERIENCE.

4. BAARTMAN HAS MATURED SINCE 1970 VISIT AND HAS DEVELOPED EARNEST, RESPONSIBLE AND DEDICATED APPROACH TO HIS ROLE AS A BLACK LEADER.

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TM POST STRONGLY AGREES THAT ANOTHER VISIT TO US BY REV.

BAARTMAN WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HIM IN HIS CURRENT ENDEAVORS.
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